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UNIVERSITY CHAPEL MOVING TO CARDINAL LOUNGE

After 45 years below ground, the University's chapel will be moving soon to Cardinal Lounge. The last Mass downstairs will be Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 9:30 a.m., and will feature reflections by Sister Camille Kliebhan and Sr. Justine Peter. The first Mass in the new chapel will be at 9:30 a.m. on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 21.



The chapel, circa 1962

Sister Camille, former Stritch president and now the University's chancellor, said the downstairs location did not prevent the chapel in years past from being a "lovely, prayerful place" that was very churchlike. The area was designed to be a chapel, and a basement setting is not unusual for colleges or universities founded by religious orders. Often residences of sisters or brothers were connected to lower-level chapels, said Stritch's campus priest, Father Jim Gannon.

But that was then, and this is now. And with the University's emphasis on more visibility for its Franciscan Catholic identity, a decision was made to move the chapel upstairs.

BUDGET HEARINGS

Informational meetings will be held in Schroeder Auditorium Feb. 20, 3:30-5 p.m.; Feb. 21, 2-3:30 p.m.; Feb 22, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Feb 23, 9:30-11 a.m.

"The timing is right, and I'm delighted," Father Jim said. "With the strategic plan, and after a

meeting with Assisi pilgrims in December, people kept saying, 'Bring the chapel out of the basement.' I was surprised it came about so quickly. And it's not just the physical move, there is more a spiritual intent to it."

Sister Camille agreed that although the chapel has a rich history, today it "seems more like a gathering place."

The chapel used to be set up in a long rectangle, with the altar at the north end. It had pews with kneelers. Although the chapel always was opened to students, the sisters spent the most time there, attending early morning Masses and saying prayers at least twice a day, Sister Camille said.

Vigil lights burned on the altars all the time, rather than just at Masses as they are today, and the space, with its stained glass windows, was filled with a warm glow.

When Stritch moved to the current site in 1962, a tradition from the former south side campus was carried on for several years. Every Sunday morning, students would process into the chapel in caps and gowns, high heels and gloves, Sister Camille said. They marched through the dining room and entered the chapel from the basement level because, at that time, students were not allowed in the main lobby or the Cardinal Lounge. They even had to enter the classroom areas in Roger Bacon And Duns Scotus halls through the lower level.

REMINDER

An all-University assembly will be held Feb. 16 at 3:10 p.m. in Schroeder Auditorium, with a reception to follow in the Student Union.

Over the summer, sisters from different communities attended classes at Stritch, particularly in reading and special education. "We made out a seating chart, so

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people had assigned seats. We were all in full habits, different habits, and it really was beautiful,” Sister Camille said.

But as with everything, times change. The recent expansion of Bonaventure Hall has freed up Cardinal Lounge to house the chapel.

“It really couldn’t have been done before, because that space was needed,” Sister Camille said.

Father Jim said Cardinal Lounge would easily accommodate the numbers of worshippers who

routinely attend Mass. Both he and Sister Camille are hopeful, however, that the additional visibility of a main floor space might encourage more people to attend services.

Father Jim said the move will be relatively simple, as it entails primarily moving chairs, the altar and the lectern, or ambo. Three statues in the chapel also will move, those of Mary, Joseph and St. Clare as well as the San Damiano cross. The tabernacle, which holds the Eucharist, probably will be replaced with a freestanding tabernacle, Father Jim said.

ADVANCEMENT RESTRUCTURED; VON RUEDEN TO HEAD DAILY OPERATIONS

The Office of University Advancement has been revamped and three vacant positions have been filled in a continuing effort to build and solidify donor and alumni relationships and increase fund raising.



Karen Von Rueden

The restructuring grew in part from an internal audit and assessment of the office that was done last year by an outside consultant. It also is part of what Vice President Mike Brauer calls

a maturation process, and it is an outgrowth of the University’s continuing need to increase non-tuition revenue.

As part of the restructuring, Karen Von Rueden is now responsible for the day-to-day activities of the office, as director of Advancement. She will continue to head Alumni Relations, with Paula Harris as the associate director. Brauer said that with her years of experience in fundraising and marketing in nonprofits, Von Rueden is “more than capable of leading our annual fund and alumni programs to the next level.”

This move frees Brauer to work more closely with the president and the Board of Trustees, he said, and to spend more time working to secure grants and identify additional sources of funding. He plans to work closely with faculty and deans, “so more grant proposals get out the door.” His role will be to, as much as possible, match ideas with sources of funding, from foundations or government offices to wealthy individuals. “There’s an art and a science to all of this,” Brauer said.

Additionally, special events are being re-evaluated to

become more goal focused, to cultivate and engage people more and to deepen their relationship with the University, he said.

“It’s all about connections,” Brauer said. “The community is going to increasingly see Stritch for the gem that it is as we highlight and celebrate our individual facets of excellence.”

Emily Kort, who was hired last month as the new senior advancement officer, is responsible for donor relationships, stewardship and scholarship. Von Rueden said Kort’s focus really boils down to relationship building.

With a background in sales, education and advertising, Kort has always been involved in relationship building,



L-R: Emily Kort, Tim Wolf, Pegs Givhan

she said. Her past work includes spending four years as assistant to Brother Bob Smith, OFM, who is the president of Messmer High School and a Stritch trustee.

Tim Wolf is the new database coordinator, coming to Stritch from the Medical College of Wisconsin,

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where he was in charge of creating and managing patient databases. In addition to tracking donor lists, contributions, etc., on the database, which is part of the University's Jenzabar system, Wolf moves information from alumni e-mails into the database.

Advancement has been working with a firm called Harris Publishing to capture more alumni e-mails, as they are increasingly seen as a lifeline to alumni, Von Rueden said. The office recently launched an e-mail newsletter for Alumni called Strictly Stritch, and it continues to call for e-mail addresses, through Stritch magazine and other efforts.

Pegs Givhan is the new office secretary, providing administrative support for the department. In addition to having worked with the North Shore Health Department,

she worked for a time at the St. Francis Children's Center as a school secretary. She worked with Sister Joanne Kliebhan, OSF, who was the co-founder of the center, and she continues to feel an attachment to the Franciscan tradition.

The Advancement staff also includes Chris Lange, who heads corporate relations, Scott Weaver, who oversees foundation relations and planned giving, and Lynn Olcott, who is in charge of special events.

"Our restructuring is aimed at creating a smoother-running office, so we can better serve the University and advance our mission and vision as efficiently as possible," Brauer said. "I'm confident that with this team of talented and dedicated people, we will be able to achieve much together."

STAFF TO BE SHUTTLED FROM BAVARIAN INN ON FEB. 21

To accommodate Milwaukee Public Schools principals who will be on campus Feb. 21 for a daylong in-service, staff members at the Milwaukee campus are to park at the nearby Bavarian Inn and take shuttle buses to Stritch. The move will free up about 200 parking spaces.

Two shuttle buses will run back and forth from 7:30 to 9 a.m. and from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Anyone with an emergency during the day, such as a sick child, should call Nick Spaeth at Ext. 4055 or his cell, (262) 339-7727. He will arrange to get people to their cars.

The Bavarian Inn is at 700 W. Lexington Blvd., Glendale. It can be reached by turning west on Lexington off of Port Washington Road, south of Silver Spring Drive. Anyone who is unsure of the area can get a map off of Yahoo!Maps or MapQuest.

Staff have been asked to take the shuttles because their work hours are more set than those of faculty. The move was made primarily to allow sufficient parking for students as well as the principals, about a third of whom are Stritch students, taking the in-service for credit. Many also are Stritch alumni.

Bill Andrekopoulos, MPS superintendent, sent a letter to Stritch President Sister Mary Lea Schneider thanking Stritch for helping to make the MPS Instructional Leadership Conference a success.

"As you are aware, members of my senior management worked very hard with members of your faculty to restructure this longstanding monthly meeting to assume an intense professional development focus aimed at strengthening our principals' abilities as instructional leaders," he wrote. "Scheduling the meetings to take place at the Cardinal Stritch University Kliebhan Center has truly enhanced this year's meetings, and allowed the principals to fully immerse themselves in this very important professional development experience."

"Please know that all of your efforts to support Milwaukee Public Schools are greatly appreciated. In particular, thank you for assisting us in designing this unique professional development experience for MPS principals and for the use of the Kliebhan Center during the 2006-07 school year. I look forward to our continued collaboration."

Staff also will be shuttled when the principals come to campus again, on Wednesday, March 7, and Wednesday, May 9. Reminders will be sent closer to those dates.

As a thank-you to staff, everyone who is shuttled will receive a ticket for a free lunch in Serra Hall, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. The meal on Feb. 21 will be a Mexican Extravaganza, with burritos, fajitas and tacos. Appropriate food will be available for those who are observing the Ash Wednesday fast.



NEW ST. CLARE CENTER FOR MINISTRY FORMATION OPENS



Stritch recently opened the St. Clare Center for Ministry Formation to facilitate certificate and degree programs for lay people who want to work in the Catholic Church. The move follows the April 2006 closing of academic programs at the St. Francis Seminary.

The center's establishment will allow students previously enrolled at the seminary

to continue their studies, which focus on pastoral, human and spiritual formation in addition to academics. Dan Scholz, assistant professor and chair of religious studies at Stritch, said he expects most people in the area who are interested in lay ministry to attend Stritch.

"We're all about training competent people to go out and work in religious communities in various capacities," he said. The St. Clare Center will work with the religious studies department to prepare individuals to work in positions ranging from parish directors and youth ministers to parish business managers.

The center has three new staff positions, funded by donations raised to support it at its inception. Father Niles Kauffman is the coordinator of spiritual and human formation. Jean Marie Weber is coordinator of pastoral formation, and Mary Foley is the administrative coordinator. Scholz also serves as the center's director and coordinator of academic formation. The center also will tap into resources in the area and at Stritch, including Campus Ministry and the Office of Vocation Development.

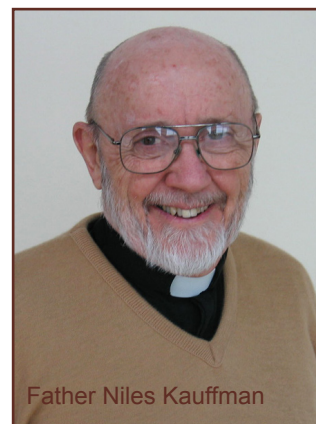
Scholz said the push for education in lay ecclesial ministry is an outgrowth of a document created in 2005 by the U.S. Catholic Bishops called "Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord." The document acknowledges the role lay people play in parishes around the nation and stresses the need for adequate training.

"Despite there being educational and training-related guidelines for those who work in parishes, there just aren't enough people to go around," Scholz said. "As the role of the laity continues to increase as a result of the priest shortage, the need for proper training and formation in church ministries is extremely critical."

The religious studies department now has 25 faculty members, including adjuncts, Scholz said. It offers a bachelor's degree in religious studies, master's degrees in religious studies and ministry, and plans to add a master's in lay ecclesiastical ministry next fall. It also offers certificate programs in urban ministry, youth ministry and adult and family ministry.

Scholz said that as Stritch increases its offerings, enrollment grows. The department's graduate student population doubled in the last year, from 30 to 60 students, and he expects the undergraduate population to grow dramatically as well, "as people realize what we offer for the Archdiocese."

The St. Clare Center, which is in Bonaventure Hall Room 2087, will host an open house with refreshments on Feb. 20 from 10 a.m.-noon in the second floor atrium. On Aug. 10, the Center will sponsor a daylong symposium on lay ecclesial ministry in the Sister Camille Kliebhan Conference Center.



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